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I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1174 (1998) of 15 June 1998, by which the mandate of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNMIBH) was extended for a period terminating on 21 June 1999.

As you are aware, Richard Monk (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) has been serving as Commissioner of the UNMIBH International Police Task Force (IPTF) since 2 March 1998. Mr. Monk, who has performed his duties with exemplary professionalism and dedication during a critical period in the United Nations involvement in Bosnia and Herzegovina, has informed me of his intention to return to the service of his Government at the end of his tour of duty. To succeed him, it is my intention to appoint Colonel Detlef Buwitt (Germany) as Commissioner of IPTF. The Government of Germany has informed me that Colonel Buwitt will be promoted to Brigadier General upon his appointment to this post.

I should be grateful if you could bring the above to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kofi A. ANNAN

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